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To: Col. Ahalt - G-2 Seine Base Section

From: Major Franklin P. Holcomb USMC

Subject: Operation PARTRIDGE

1. It is possible that enemy parachutists may land at LA ROUILLEE on each Sunday night between approximately 2200 hours and 0300 hours, or in the event of weather conditions being unsuitable for parachute operations, between the same times on the following Monday night.

2. If enemy saboteurs are parachuted at LA ROUILLEE, they will have received instructions to proceed to the farmhouse of Pierre MORAND at LA ROUILLEE. Here they will find a German saboteur and two Frenchmen to receive them.

3. As soon as this reception committee knows that parachutists are landing, one member will telephone to Lt. Michaelis, Paris, informing him that a party is arriving.

4. On receipt of this telephone call, Lt. Michaelis will telephone Seine Base Section War Room, stating that Operation PARTRIDGE has begun. (ANJou 7400, Ext.108)

5. On receipt of this information, Seine Base Section will

(a) Assemble designated MPs with armored car at 2 Place de l'Opera

(b) Will inform Lt. Col. Atkinson of Oise Base Section that Operation PARTRIDGE has begun.

6. Lt. Michaelis will proceed independently to 2 Place de l'Opera with Lt. Col. Rothschild and Major Coleman who are charged with counter sabotage aspects of the operation.

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7. The party consisting of designated MPs, Lt. Michaelis and counter sabotage personnel will proceed to a point in the neighborhood of LA ROUILLEE, where the forces will be disposed in such a way that a visual signal from LA ROUILLEE indicating that the farmhouse is to captured can be seen.

8. No action will be taken by the Party unless a warning signal is fired from the farmhouse. If no warning signal is fired, at 0730 hours the Party will proceed to a section of the road between Taillefontaine and Pierrefonds, where a roadblock will be set up, ostensibly for the purpose of examining the credentials of car drivers passing along this road.

9. The papers of the occupants of a particular automobile known to Lt. Michaelis will not be in order, and the driver together with all passengers will be arrested and handcuffed.

10. Lt. Michaelis will indicate which passengers are to be dispatched forthwith to Paris to 18 Boulevard Suchet.

11. When these have been dispatched, the driver and any other members of the party whom it is considered necessary to release will be released and will return in their car to LA ROUILLEE.

12. The above-mentioned procedure, roadblock - arrest, will be repeated until all the saboteurs are arrested or disposed of.

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